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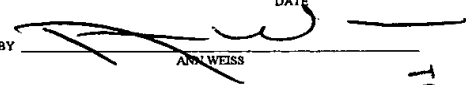
For:

**TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL CELLS  
INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL CELLS  
AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**

Examiner: Schmidt, Mary M.  
Unit: 1635

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231, ON <b>March 22, 2001</b> DATE	
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2000, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before March 2, 2001, along with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks.

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